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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the final Office Action dated November 17, 2005, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Applicants respectfully request entry of and reconsideration based on the instant amendment and reply because it is believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: